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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

APPLICANTS: Hetzer et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 6272  
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TITLE: "ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR DATA FOLLOW-UP  
FOR WARMUP CYCLES OF INK JET PRINT HEADS"

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In the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, a restriction requirement was imposed under 37 C.F.R. §121 between claims 1-12, directed to an arrangement for data follow-up for a warm-up cycle of an ink jet printhead, and claims 13-23, directed to a method for determining data for a warm-up cycle of an ink jet printhead before operating the ink jet printhead.

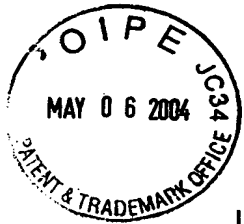
In response, Applicants herewith elect claims 1-12 for immediate examination, without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to non-elected claims 13-23. This election is made without traverse.

Early consideration of claims 1-12 on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

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